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FAIR WEATHER REPORT.
(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12.—A. M.—For Virginia, fair weather in the western portion, local thunderstorms, followed by fair weather in the eastern portion, mostly clear, becoming variable, slight change in temperature.
For North Carolina and South Carolina, fair weather, slight change in temperature, winds generally from south to west.
The weather in Richmond yesterday was clear and hot.
Range of Thermometer Yesterday:
6 A. M. 72
8 A. M. 78
10 A. M. 82
12 M. 85
2 P. M. 88
4 P. M. 85
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Min. temperature, 68.

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A TALKING SESSION.
EXPLANATION OF THE POSITION OF MR. ANDREW PIZZINI.
Why the Misco-Stone Investigation was Instituted—Daylight Sessions Ordered.
The Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings met in the Chancery Court room at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon to continue the investigation, under Mr. Pizzini's resolution, in relation to alleged errors in cutting the stone for the new City Hall, &c. There were present Mayor Carrington, conducting the examination; Mr. Thomas N. Keadler, chairman of the committee; Mr. Andrew Pizzini, and Mr. John C. Cuthaw (City Engineer) and assistants.
It was fifteen minutes past the appointed time before the committee was called to order. Mr. John Keadler, who was on the stand when the examination was suspended Wednesday afternoon (in order that when it proceeded further Mr. Pizzini, the author of the resolution, might be present), was the first witness.
NOT PRESENT.
After what was said Wednesday afternoon, and reported fully in the Dispatch of yesterday morning, concerning the presence of Mr. Andrew Pizzini, the foreman on the work, at the investigation having a tendency to intimidate the witnesses, that gentleman was not present yesterday. He voluntarily absented himself.

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SHILOH'S MEETING.
WORK OF THIS COLORED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YESTERDAY.
Sketch of the Proceedings—Committees and Sermons—Harshness Memorial College.
The Shiloh (colored) Baptist Association met again yesterday morning. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. A. Thurston and E. H. Johnson, of the Harshness Memorial College.
The president introduced Mr. John Oliver, who extended an invitation to the association to visit the Industrial School, on Moore street.
Committees on financial work for the coming year were appointed and the letters from churches were read.
An invitation was extended to the association by Miss Dyer to visit the Harshness Memorial College. Accepted.
The association decided to visit the school in a body at 5 o'clock to-day.
Rev. J. H. Friesley, missionary, was introduced and made a five minutes' speech and sang two pieces—one in the Vi language and the other in Duula.
Adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. G. M. Crawley, Lee Jones, and George Russell.
The first business was the reception of the new churches, reading of letters from the churches, reception of the committees' reports, and a discussion thereon until the time of adjournment.
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Wanted, an Up-Town Hotel.
The fact that the St. Claire Hotel has been again leased to Mr. Hunter, and placed on the Virginia Housekeeping list, is for rent, indicates that Mr. Ford has no present purpose of building a new hotel. Anyway, there is a doubt in the minds of many whether, looking to the future, his site at the northeast corner of Grace and Ninth streets is the best that can be selected.
The great expansion of the city railway system and the opening up of the Lee-monument grounds give to Richmond a large and beautiful western territory, which in a short while will be built up. If the city increases in population as rapidly as many are predicting, there will be no trouble in getting one at a reasonable figure.
This is a matter to be well considered. Luckily there are half a dozen sites in the city, and one or two of them are up-town hotels, and are of the essentials of a prosperous city.
What is wanted is that our men of means get together, form a stock company, and determine that Richmond shall have a new hotel. Richmond capital has done much for Fidelity and Washington, D. C. Now let it give us what a city we most need, what will most promote our prosperity.

Richmond has, or soon will have, all the street railways she needs. She has the Ford-St. Paul station. She has electric lights. She has parks and a large and increasing number of public buildings. In fact, she has all the essentials of a prosperous city.
It is possible that there is not sufficient enterprise and capital here to build this hotel.
Talk about vim, pluck, energy—if you have them, show them.

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